



Senior Center Steering Committee

Meeting Minutes, June 8, 2011

Ellington Town Annex
57 Main Street, Ellington, Ct

Members Present: Wayne Reynolds, Sue Hannigan, Morris Webber, Amelia Kurpat, Peter Williams, Anna Turner, Erin Graziani, Doris Crayton.

Others Present: Carl Larson, Maureen Webber, Adam Kurpat, James Stoughton, Maurice Blanchette, Stuart Magdefrau.

Call to Order: Wayne Reynolds called the meeting to order at 3:01.

1. Citizen Forum:
None

2. Approval of previous meeting minutes
MOTION (Hannigan) SECONDED (Webber) TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE May 11, 2011 MEETING AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. First Selectmen on Senior Center:

First Selectman Maurice Blanchette addressed the committee with the following concerns and information:

- A fund will need to be set up to handle any donations and funds collected for the new senior center. Chairman Reynolds concurred and has met with Nicholas DiCorleto getting one set up.
- If the Committee is planning on having the building or parts of the building named after supporters, then they would have to get approval from the Board of Selectman.
- Concerning the timing of when a referendum could be done for the center, the Board of Education is planning to go to Referendum the early part of 2012 for an addition to the Crystal Lake School. This may affect the timing of the Senior Center. He felt that having a referendum for the senior center before the school one would not be beneficial.

4. Request for Proposal:

The draft of the request for proposes for the conceptual designs are completed. The Permanent Building Committee will have their next meeting on June 14, and since they may be charged to oversee the design and construction of the center, it was decided to review them with the Permanent Building Committee before proceeding on this item.

5. Senior Center Timeline:

An outline of the present timeline, showing a grand opening of February 2014 for the Senior Center, was handed out for review showing the timing for a referendum at the beginning of 2012. With the schools wanting to do the same; it was felt the senior center's referendum should go sooner with October 2011 being the best time.

6. "Supporting Senior Life" Capital Campaign:

A key part of the campaign is the naming of the rooms and the building. It was designed to ask the Selectman to wave the restrictions on this, at their June 20th meeting.

The campaign is on track to start this September.

7. Fundraising Activities:

Wayne introduced Stuart Magdefrau who will be chairperson of the Senior Center Fundraising Golf Tournament scheduled to be held October 3, 2011. The committee will be kept informed as details and more information on this first important fundraising event are developed.

Wayne mentioned having conversations with the owners of TSI Harley Davidson about our Senior Center Fundraising activities and they said they would support us in our efforts.

Morris Webber volunteered to coordinate a candy sale drive.

8. Marketing/Fundraising Presentation:

This item was not discussed in detail due to time constraints.

There still is a need for pictures of persons of the town to incorporate into the presentation.

9. Other Items:

Next meeting will be scheduled for 3:00, July 20, 2011 at the Annex Building.

Respectively submitted by Peter Williams